

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 381

By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on Highway 438 East in Perry County in honor of the late John Will Bates.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late John Will Bates, one of Perry County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Bates, a banker and businessman who earned the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens for his many contributions to the City of Lobelville and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, this body has been requested to name a bridge in Perry County after the late John Will Bates by the City of Lobelville to honor his illustrious memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge spanning the Buffalo River on Highway 438 East in Perry County, State Bridge No. 68-SR438-20.29, is hereby designated the "John Will Bates Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating State Bridge No. 68-SR438-20.29, the

bridge spanning the Buffalo River on Highway 438 East in Perry County, as the "John Will Bates Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.